

Action resource on Israeli democracy

Israel is currently at an unprecedented moment of crisis, and we are showing up for a democratic Israel.

National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is alarmed and pained by legislative initiatives of the current Israeli government aimed at undermining Israeli democracy. Since the crisis began, we have consistently spoken out about the dangers of the judicial overhaul, our concerns about the rhetoric and policy proposals of the parties that make up the current government, and the responsibility of the American Jewish community to speak up.

We are inspired and moved by the grassroots uprising of early 2023. Hundreds of thousands of protestors have taken repeatedly to the streets of Israel and beyond, pushing back at the judicial overhaul proposal. NCJW CEO Sheila Katz was honored to be the first person to speak in English at Tel Aviv's ongoing rallies, where she called on the diaspora to take a stand for Israeli democracy.

This action resource can help you take a deeper dive into the crisis, through a gender lens:

- See [NCJW speeches and statements](#) on Israel's democracy crisis
- Break down [the legislative proposals](#) and track their status with the Israel Policy Forum
- Understand how [women will be uniquely and dramatically impacted](#) by the planned judicial overhaul and other policies and plans of the current Israeli government
- Learn about inspirational Israeli women leaders who are front and center in the struggle for Israeli democracy as gatekeepers of the justice system and as leaders of the protest movement: [Esther Hayut](#), President of Israel's Supreme Court; [Gali Baharav-Miara](#), Attorney General; [Shikma Bressler](#), protest leader; [Or-ly Barlev](#), independent crowd-funded journalist and [Moran Zer-Katzenstein](#), founder of Bonot Alternativa and leader of the women's protest
- Sign up for our monthly virtual meet-ups, [Kaffe with Kalela](#), in which NCJW Israel Program Manager Kalela Lancaster hosts feminist leaders, activists and analysts to unpack the crisis
- Give to [NCJW's Israel Granting Program](#) to support initiatives in Israel to advance gender justice
- Act in solidarity and [add your name to NCJW's letter](#) calling for a halt to the judicial overhaul.

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